

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to and rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 41-70 are pending. Claims 1-40 are cancelled and new claims 41-70 are added, without prejudice.

No new matter is added by these amendments.

It is submitted that these claims are patentably distinct from the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments and remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Support for the new claims is found throughout the specification and from the cancelled claims.

II. OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification was objected to for alleged informalities. The objection is traversed. The amendments to the specification render the rejection moot.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification are respectfully requested.

III. 35 U.S.C. §112, FIRST PARAGRAPH, REJECTIONS

Claims 1-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for allegedly lacking enablement. Applicants disagree.

The amendments to the claims render the rejection moot. With respect to the Examiner's contention that "and/or" is not enabled, although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's reasoning, and although the new claims recite "or," Applicants do not believe that the instant claims are in any way limited to the exclusive use of cell-growth promoting molecules or the exclusive use of cell-growth inhibiting molecules.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection are respectfully requested.

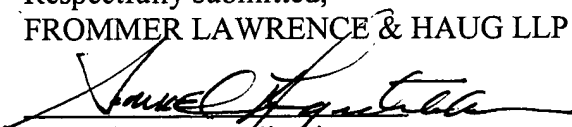
IV. 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH, REJECTIONS

Claims 1-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Although Applicants disagree, the amendments to the claims render the rejection moot.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

By this Amendment, claims 41-70 should be allowed; and this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the rejections and objections, and prompt issuance of the Notice of Allowance are, therefore, all earnestly solicited.

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